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SUBJECT: ANTARCTIC TREATY - NINTH CONSULTATIVE: EXTEN-
DED PREPARATORY MEETINGS

REF: LONDON 19036

1. WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED LETTER FROM POLAR REGION SECTION
OF FCO CONCERNING MEETING ON DEC. 14 WHICH WILL BE DE-
VOTED TO QUESTION OF WHETHER SECOND EXTENDED PREPARATORY MEETING SHOULD
BE HELD BEFORE OR AFTER NEXT SESSION OF
UNLOSC. LETTER REQUESTS THAT REPRESENTATIVES BE PREPARED
TO DISCUSS THEIR GOVERNMENTS' VIEWS ON FOLLOWING QUES-
TIONS: (BEGIN QUOTE)

(A) WHETHER AT EACH OF THE TWO EXTENDED PREPARATORY
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MEETINGS WE SHOULD FOCUS ON ONE OF THE TWO MAIN SUBJECTS
CONFRONTING US, E.GWM MARINE LIVING RESOURCES AT THE FIRST

AND MINERALS AT THE SECOND. (IT WOULD BE UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS ARRANGEMENT WOULD NOT PRECLUDE THE DISCUSSION OF OTHER TOPICS AT EITHER MEETING.)

(B) WHETHER, AS ONE OF OUR COLLEAGUES POINTED OUT, IT MIGHT BE SUFFICIENT IF REACTIONS TO DEVELOPMENTS AT UNLOSC WERE CONSIDERED AT THE MONTHLY AFTERNOON PREPARATORY MEETINGS RATHER THAN AT AN EXTENDED MEETING IN JULY. (END QUOTE)

2. UNLESS WE RECEIVE FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS, WE WILL REFER TO EMBASSY'S NOTE CONTAINED STATE 265126 IN RESPONDING TO QUESTION (A). ON QUESTION (B), WE FEEL IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO SCHEDULE AN EXTENDED MEETING IN JULY TO CONSIDER DEVELOPMENTS AT UNLOSC BEFORE WE SEE WHAT ACTUALLY COMES OUT OF THE CONFERENCE. SHOULD OUR COLLEAGUES FEEL THE NEED TO COORDINATE POSITIONS BEFORE OR DURING UNLOSC, DISCUSSIONS COULD BE HELD AT ONE OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS. WE WOULD HOPE DEPARTMENT WOULD CONCUR WITH OUR VIEW THAT PREPARATIONS FOR NINTH CONSULTATIVE SHOULD PROCEED AS HEAP ORIGINALLY SUGGESTED WITH TWO EXTENDED SESSIONS DEVOTED FIRST TO LIVING AND THEN TO MINERAL RESOURCES AND THAT UNLOS ISSUE ONLY BE ADDRESSED SHOULD ANTARCTICA BECOME SUBJECT OF CONTENTION AT UNLOSC. ARMSTRONG

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